Sikh websites with descriptions

Many of these are extant only through Internet Archive now. Only some are perfectly preserved.

Keep in mind that only a few of these sites have expanded descriptions, and most of them do not. Given the large number of websites I went through, and the even larger number of websites that I haven't gone through, it is impractical to write out detailed descriptions for every site in a short amount of time.

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\dilgeer.com

Status: Extant from 2002 to 2004, dead website since then. Except for Punjabi documents which were sealed away in zip files (presumably due to requiring the Punjabi-English font), almost all of this website is extant on Wayback Machine.

Description: Harjinder Singh Dilgeer has his own Wikipedia article, if you want more info on him. This website contains various articles and commentaries by Dilgeer, as well as his bibliography (up to 2002-2004), a photo gallery and another link bank (which I didn't bother to explore).

Most notable feature: The photo gallery, although not fully extant anymore, contains photos and captions that I haven't seen anywhere else.

\globalsikhstudies.net

Status: Dead website, disappeared after 2022. Appears to be fully archived on Wayback Machine (although most PDFs were archived once in 2016 - we were one failed crawl away from losing those forever).

Description: A website detailing the efforts of Punjabi Sikh scholars who defended Sikhi from the Occidental Sikh Studies complex. Numerous articles discuss all kinds of different topics, ranging from the uniqueness of Sikhi, expositions on Sikh metaphysics and theology, criticisms of Sikh Studies scholars in the West, and more. Inspired by the work of Sardar Daljeet Singh.

Most notable feature: The sidebar PDFs are still intact and easily accessible under the "Link Category" label. Honestly, this website held an enormous amount of information which Sikhs today could find very useful for rediscovering their tradition.

\sikhfreepress.com

Status: Dead website since 2019. I do not know how extant this site is on Wayback Machine.

Details: My only interaction with this site's archives are through the articles "The American who lived with Bhindranwale" (the tale of Norman Kreisman: formerly a 3HO convert named Nam Singh, later left 3HO and Sikhi altogether by 1987 and became a tax attorney in Los Angeles) and "American yogis distort Sikh scripture" (another 3HO article).

\sikhinstitute.org

Status: Still around, but the website was temporarily shut down at the beginning of December 2024, was brought back within a few days, and was later completely revamped by the end of the month. Hence, almost all old links no longer work and have to be accessed through Wayback Machine. I presume that the content itself is still extant under different links, but I cannot confirm this.

Details: This is the official website of the Institute of Sikh Studies in Chandigarh, which contains tons of research into Sikhi. Unfortunately, I have not explored this website much myself.

\sikhspectrum.com

Status: Dead website. Last extant in December 2014. Over 5,500 URLs are captured on Wayback Machine; about 3,300 of those are webpages captured between 2002 and 2014.

Details: This website seems similar to \sikhmarg.com and \globalsikhstudies.net and \sikhinstitute.org which were covered above. I have not had a chance to look through this website myself. Notably, this website is the source of the [Guru Nanak Baghdad Inscription image on Wikipedia](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Inscription_on_the_stone_slab_from_Guru_Nanak%27s_shrine_in_Baghdad,_Iraq.jpg), which was taken from \sikhspectrum.com and uploaded to Wikipedia by our [Japanese-Canadian friend, MaplesyrupSushi](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User:MaplesyrupSushi) on Jan. 5, 2023.

\sikhclips.com

Status: Dead website. Unfortunately, it is no longer extant, aside from unsuccessful video-less scrapes on Wayback Machine.

Details: I have no further information on this site at this time.

\rickross.com

Status: Dead website. Appears to have been wiped sometime in 2013, and then replaced by a gambling blog until 2020-2021. Afterwards, the

words "error code: 522" appear on visiting the front page.

Details: This is not a Sikh website, but it contained many details on the 3HO cult which appropriates Sikhi for its own disgusting ends; see \web.archive.org/web/20121013100932/http://www.rickross.com/groups/3ho.html for more on that specifically. This Web 1.0 site is said to have belonged to the Rick A. Ross Institute of New Jersey, and the site claims it investigated and studied destructive cults and controversial groups and movements. I have not explored the relevant part of the website myself.

\kaurkhalsaraj.wordpress.com

Status: Deleted by the owner sometime after Dec. 29, 2024; by WordPress guidelines it can still be recovered before Jan. 28, 2025, which appears almost impossible at this point as there is no way to contact the owner. Partially archived on Wayback Machine; most of its 431 articles are presumed to be lost forever. If you know the owner of this blog, please reach out to me.

Details: Little is known about this obscure blog, which is linked in several articles from the also-dead \sikharchives.com site, which gives the following description: "A New blog in English by a proud Sikhnee writing under the nom de plume: Kaur Khalsa Raj. [Appears to be a European lioness with a very good knowledge about Sikh scripture and a first hand knowledge of the Punjabi language.] Has a continuing and very strongly worded commentary and analysis of the Dasam Granth controversy. The site also has commentary on gender discrimination in the dasam granth and the extreme anti-female propaganda which is an integral component of this book." Nothing is known about the owner of this site, except that she logged into Sikh Philosophy Network under the username "kaur-1" until late 2017.